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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Sept. 10* 19 *00*.

Pratt, R. H.,

Major 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Advising of Miss Harriet Eck's  
services, and asking continua-  
tion of authority for her position  
until the proper person is  
found.

To Carlisle *Sept 14-1900*

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Sept. 10, 1900.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Referring to my letter of July 5th and your authority of July 18th, authorizing me to employ temporarily Miss Harriet Eck, I have to respectfully advise you that Miss Eck on trial proved to be built on too high and expensive a plan for our uses. She has been thoroughly educated, is a graduate from the cooking department of Drexel Institute, and has taught at Johns-Hopkins' University. Her ideas and needs were so excessive that I saw at once that her place was really in a young ladies' school or college instead of with our practical every-day Indian school work. I frankly told her so and she has accordingly left us. What we need here is someone who can with the limited facilities an ordinary family would have, instruct our girls in good, common family cooking, and at the same time be capable of giving relief to the dining room matron.

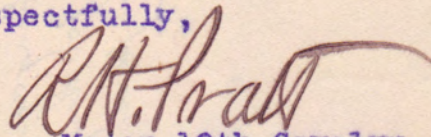
As this position is not yet authorized regularly, I request that I may be authorized to continue my search for a proper person for the place, and when I find such a person to bring the matter to your attention so that it will get before the civil service or go through such other course as may be necessary in order to be made permanent. When we had only 400 or 500 students, the dining room matron was able to give some attention to cooking classes. Now that is impracticable



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and she needs additional help. I request therefore that the authorization for Miss Eck be so extended as to allow me to seek further for the proper person for this place.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

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